## REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is entered to correct a typographical error in claim 9, whose original version was an improper multiple dependent claim (itself dependent on various multiple dependent claims). This Amendment amends claims 9 to cure that defect, and thus cures the defect inherent in Claim 19, which depends upon Claim 9. Early passage to issue is requested.

A check in the amount of $54.00 (6 new claims, i.e., from Claims 9 and 19, @ $9.00/claim) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees believed due from, or credit any overpayments to, our Deposit Account 11-0223.

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**EXHIBIT TO SHOW MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS**

9. (Amended) The architecture of [either of claims 6-8] **claim 6**, further comprising a y x 1 switch or selector, each of whose inputs are connected to a spare port in each of the final stage switch modules.